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FEBRUARY 16TH, 1891.

COMRADES: This is the meeting of the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Officer of the Day?

The Officer of the Day. Commander?

The Commander. Are the approaches to this Encampment properly guarded?

The Officer of the Day. Commander they are.

The Commander. Are all present members of the Grand Army of the Republic?

The Officer of the Day. All present are members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Commander. Comrades, once more we have assembled for the transaction of such business as may properly come before this Encampment. We meet in fraternity, charity and loyalty, and may all our hearts unite as one in sustaining the great object of our association.

The Chaplain will invoke the divine blessing.

Parade rest.

Comrade Van R. K. Hilliard, the Department Chaplain, offered the following prayer:

"Almighty Father: humbly we bow before Thee, our Creator, Preserver, Guide and Protector. We thank Thee for our lives; for the mercy which has kept us until this hour; for Thy guidance in our marches by day and by night; for Thy constant care in the hour of danger—and for the preservation of our National integrity and unity. Be graciously near to our comrades who suffer from disease or wounds, and to the widows and orphans of those who fell in our holy cause; in all distress comfort them, and give us willing hearts and ready hands to supply their needs. Almighty God; we do beseech Thee to bless every member of our Department Encampment: may all the results of our deliberations be for the good of our beloved order. Bless our country; grant that the memory of our noble dead, who freely gave their lives for the land they loved, may dwell ever in our hearts. Bless the afflicted families of our dead chiefs, comfort and sustain them in this time of their great bereavement."

Bless our Order; make it an instrument of great good; keep our names on the roll of Thy servants, and at last receives us into that Grand Army above, where thou, O God, are the Supreme Commander. Amen.

The Department Commander. Attention! The Encampment is now open in due form.

General Orders No. 15 from Department Headquarters, announcing the death of our late Commander and Comrade General William Tecumseh Sherman, was then read.

Comrade F. H. Whitaker, Post 1, was appointed a member of the Committee on Credentials, vice Comrade J. H. Lawler, not present.

Junior Vice-Commander Patrick O'Hare, on behalf of the members of Custer Post, No. 5, and A. Lincoln Post, No. 4, presented to the Encampment a very beautiful picture of Commander Geo. T. Hodges, it was received with appropriate remarks, by Senior Vice-Commander Frederick Speed.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report:

New Orleans, La., February 16, 1891.

To the Officers and Members of the Eighth Annual Convention, G. A. R.

COMRADES:—Your Committee would respectfully report that they have examined the roll as prepared by the Assistant Adjutant General, and find the same correct, and recommend that the same be adopted as the Roll of the Encampment.

C. W. KEETING,
F. H. WHITAKER,
A. S. GRAHAM.

Upon motion the report was accepted.

Roll of Officers and Members of the Eighth Annual Encampment, Department Louisiana and Mississippi.

Those marked with a (*) being present.

Department Commander,	*Geo. T. Hodges, New Orleans, La.
Senior Vice-Commander,	*Frederick Speed, Vicksburg, Miss.
Junior Vice-Commander,	*Patrick O'Hare, New Orleans, La.
Medical Director,	Chas. A. Dean, Baton Rouge, La.
Chaplain,	*Van R. K. Hilliard, New Orleans, La.
Assistant Adjutant General,	*C. W. Keeting, New Orleans, La.
Quartermaster General,	*F. A. Olroyd, New Orleans, La.
Judge Advocate,	*A. S. Graham, New Orleans, La.
Inspector,	*Frederick Speed, New Orleans, La.
Chief Mustering Officer,	*Geo. W. Miller, New Orleans, La.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

*C. M. Murray, Post 1,	Thomas Krementz, Post 2,
*John Stewart, Post 3,	*Thomas Stone, Post 4,
*Fred Brunner, Post 5.	

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

William Roy,	Knowgales, Arizona,	1884
J. W. Scully,	Atlanta, Georgia,	1885
*A. S. Badger,	New Orleans, Louisiana,	1886
*A. S. Graham,	New Orleans, Louisiana,	1887

Joseph A. Mower Post, No. 1, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Post Commander	*C. H. Shute.
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PAST POST COMMANDERS.

*W. G. James,	*F. W. Gibson,
*Y. A. Woodward,	*F. H. Whitaker.

REPRESENTATIVES.

*C. M. Murray,	*J. H. Wright,
*Wm. J. Steele,	*D. H. Reese.

ALTERNATES.

C. W. Kilborn,	C. K. Lincoln,
*C. F. Frink,	W. S. Kennedy.

Harney Post, No. 2, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Post Commander Thomas Krementz,

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

H. C. Blessing, Patrick Fallon,
W. H. Harrison, William Wright,
Chas. A. Dean.

Representative, Lyman J. Widney,
Alternate, James DeGray.

T. O. Howe Post, No. 3, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Post Commander, *James Brewin,

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

*H. C. Bartlett, *P. M. Garry.
Representative, *James Palmer,
Alternate, Ezra Kryder,

Abraham Lincoln Post, No. 4, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Post Commander, *Henry Geifers,

PAST POST COMMANDERS

*F. A. Bradley, *Geo. C. Miller,
Stewart Dennee, *Geo. W. Miller.
Representative, *A. T. Prise.

Custer Post, No. 5, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Post Commander, *John R. Cummings,

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

*Louis Klien, E. Dennis,
L. Vogel.
Representative, *Philip Zenzibi.
Alternate, L. Schafuit.

Jennings Post, No. 6, Jennings, Louisiana.

Post Commander, *J. H. Roberts,
Past Post Commander, G. W. Remage,
Representative, *Daniel E. Sweet,
Alternate, Wesley A. Rogers,

Vicksburg Post, No. 7, Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Commander, *W. H. Bleything,
Past Post Commanders, T. D. Godman,
Charles Keete,
Representative, *H. H. Herman,

John A. Logan, Post No. 8, Hammond, Louisiana.

Post Commander, *A. C. Spalding,
Past Post Commander, *D. M. Durkee,
Representative, *J. M. Gould,
Alternate, F. L. Reed,

The Department Commander delivered the following
address :

New Orleans, February 16, 1891.

To the Officers and Members of the

Eighth Annual Encampment of the Department of

Louisiana and Mississippi, Grand Army of the Republic.

COMRADES:—I congratulate you in having so many representatives present to this the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, Grand Army of the Republic, and in seeing you in such good health, time seems to have dealt most gently with you all

In presenting to you a report of my stewardship of the position of high honor, as Department Commander, to which you elected me a little over one year ago, it will perhaps not be amiss to give a brief history of the events as they have happened during our time of office.

After having been elected, duly installed, and assumed charge of this Department, we found an empty house, and with the exception of \$9 41 turned over by Comrade P. H. Boyle, Assistant Quarter Master General, a depleted Treasury; and another party in the field assuming the same rights and functions, that we had been elected to, this party under command of Past Department Commander Jacob Gray, who withheld all books, records, property, etc., belonging to this Department, and at the same time announcing in published orders as being the duly elected Commander. As soon as it was known that these usurpers, would not transfer any of the books, records or property pertaining to this Department, that was in their possession, the matter was laid in full before the Commander-in-Chief, General Alger, with request that we might be recognized by him as the lawful, legally elected Officers of this Department, with this appeal was sent a copy of the proceedings of the Seventh Encampment. We waited long and anxiously for a decision but none was received until June,

and we did not know that one had been rendered until in the last days of May, when it came out from the overflow of spite and malice of the usurpers, that General Alger had made a decision about April 7th, 1890, recognizing the officers elected and installed at the session held at Joseph A. Mower Post Rooms, as the legal officers of this Department; this decision had been mailed to me on April 8th, 1890, but the letter never reached its destination, a copy of this decision with a letter of instructions to Past Department Commander Gray was mailed to Mr. Gray at the same time, which he received, as appeared in public print of the daily press, so it is fair to infer that my letters had been stolen. Notwithstanding, the receipt of the order, Past Department Commander Gray did not obey its mandates nor did he make any semblance of a transfer until about June 18, 1890, when he was peremptorily ordered to do so by Assistant Adjutant General, J. T. Sterling and Judge Advocate General D. R. Austin, sent from National Headquarters for this purpose, and then his transfer was but a form, a few old records of not much value and the Charter, comprise about all; the valuable letter and order books of the Department, and any record showing transactions during the years of his term of office were missing, not so much as a scrap of paper or a memoranda of what had been done. This was our birth-right and inheritance, except that with this transfer of Gray's came a contingent of some nine Posts said to have been organized by him in the last sixty days of his term of office, said Posts containing a following of some 747 members, for these we were ordered to pay to National Headquarters a per capita tax. It was found upon investigation that Past Department Commander Gray had not alone given Charters to the nine Posts mentioned, but had after February 11th, 1890, issued Charters to five other Posts. After a long and careful study of the situation with a desire to hold our own eight Posts together, and live in peace and harmony, a petition was made to the National Headquarters, G. A. R. stating that in-so-much as Past Department Commander Gray had opened wide the doors of the Order and taken all the colored men in, that came along, without any regard to whether the applicant was eligible or not, that we be granted a department by ourselves, giving as our reasons that the Grand Army of the Republic being in a sense a social organization, we did not see our way clear to mix with the so-called Colored Posts; this petition was refused by the Executive Committee of the National Council of Administration, from this decision, our Department Council of Administration made a most respectful protest, which protest has not yet been acted upon. After having received notice of the refusal of our petition, these Posts (1 and 8) feeling that they had a just right to be considered in the matter, as to who should be admitted to the Order in this Department as their comrades and associates, and after a careful and thorough examination of the whole matter, it was found a large percentage of the so-called Colored Posts were from various causes not eligible to become members of this Order; that they are aggressive

and insolent in manner; that they have not any idea or conception of what the true meaning of the objects of the Order are, that they were admitted through a spirit of revenge, therefore, for these and other reasons the Department Council of Administration passed the following resolutions.

Whereas: The events of the past year prove conclusively, and to the satisfaction of the Council of Administration, that it is impossible that there can be any affiliation between the Posts or Comrades of this Department and the so-called Colored Posts organized by Past Department Commander Jacob Gray—and

Whereas: The organization of these Posts and the forcing of them on this Department, has greatly demoralized the Comrades of the old Posts and caused a loss of membership. Therefore,

Be it Resolved: That all moneys received from said Colored Posts by the direction of Past Commander-in-Chief, Alger, be returned to them, less the per capita tax forwarded to National Headquarters, and that this Council of Administration direct that the said Posts be notified to send their future returns to National Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic direct:

And further, that this Council of Administration believing that the said Colored Posts were illegally organized, they will not be further recognized or considered in any way part of this Department.

Resolved: That the Department Encampment shall be called as per former resolution on the 16th day of February, 1891, and shall consist only of the elected delegates and the members of the Encampment from the Posts from No. 1 to No. 8 inclusive.

The Adjutant General and Assistant Quarter Master General serving under and as representatives of Past Department Commander Gray, have drawn from the Quarter Master General, G. A. R. supplies to the amount \$365 00, said supplies are supposed to have been issued to the so-called Colored Posts, and in most instances the money for these supplies have been paid by the Posts to the persons from whom they received the supplies, but the Quarter Master General has not been paid and the amount stands charged on his books against this Department. To sum up the whole transaction from beginning to end, in the matter of issuing charters and admitting to the Order indiscriminately this great number of men, has been a work of fraud and most flagrant rascality, and all done from a spirit of revenge. The Council of Administration did well when they adopted the above resolution, and that the so-called posts No. 9 to No. 17 inclusive, will not be considered or recognized in any way as part of this Department, now or hereafter.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Notwithstanding the most peculiar and extraordinary position we were in, as Memorial Day drew near, it seemed but right and proper

that a special effort be made to secure its best observance. This was done through the united efforts of all Posts in this City.

The Sunday preceeding Memorial Day the Posts in this City united and attended in a body, services held in the Ames Chapel, which had been kindly placed at our disposal by Rev. Wm. P. McLaughlin. S. T. B. Presiding Elder, Mission District, Methodist Episcopal Church, who conducted the services and gave a most eloquent, patriotic and charming discourse; a discourse that made each comrade who heard it, feel proud that he was there to do honor to those who fell in the defense of their country and listen to such praise and eulogy as were there given us to the memory of our departed heroes, 'tis a beautiful service and one I trust will be long continued in this Department.

Memorial Day was observed with increased interest and solemnity; the Committee appointed from the different Posts in this City to make preparations did their work ably and well, and in a manner not heretofore excelled. They were greatly assisted by the Ladies Aid Association and Sons of Veterans of Benjamin A. Harrison Camp, No. 1. The services were conducted as usual in accordance with the Ritual with a most impressive and able oration by the Rev. Wm. M. Snively, D. D. A very pleasing feature of the day's exercises was the band of little children, children of our comrades, representing each State in the Union, these laid their floral offerings around the monument with appropriate and impressive sentiments, for this we were indebted to Mrs. Shute, and to her and the children we extend our thanks.

In the matter of finances, there was an abundance of funds with a balance of \$79 60 which was allotted to these Headquarters, and has been accounted for as will be seen from the Assistant Quarter Master General's report. Comrade Frink, Chairman of the Finance Committee, Comrade Brewin, Chairman of the Committee on Decoration, deserve special mention for valuable services, as do all the members of each and every Committee, and I hereby tender them my thanks; to the Ladies Aid Association and Sons of Veterans of Benjamin A. Harrison Camp, No. 1, I tender my most heartfelt thanks for their valuable assistance and presence.

The day was observed by Harney Post, No. 2, Vicksburg Post, No. 7 and Hammond Post, No. 8, who carried beautiful flowers and strewed them over the graves of those who rest in the National Cemeteries in the immediate vicinity of the above named Posts. Through the interest and attention of Assistant Adjutant General Keeting, flags to mark each of the graves in the National Cemeteries in this Department were sent from the National Headquarters at Detroit, so that each of the nearly 43,000 graves in this Department were marked with a flag of our Country; what more fitting and loyal respect could be shown them?

Among the floral offerings presented on this day was one representing "Gates Ajar" from "Battery B." Louisiana Field Artillery, a scroll on an easel from the Continental Guards, and a beautiful wreath from Mrs. H.

Dudley Coleman, this beautiful tribute to the memory of our beloved dead is more than appreciated by us and received in the same kind and loving spirit that they were given, and we return our most sincere and heartfelt thanks.

IN MEMORIAM.

Sixteen of our Comrades have answered the last roll call, all good and true, who in the dark days of early rebellion took their positions in the front rank to do battle for their Country and their flag. Among those whom we miss from this Encampment is our worthy Senior Vice-Commander, Comrade Henry Shorten, an active and zealous worker for the Grand Army of the Republic, who answered the call of the Great Commander, on Memorial Day, May 30th, 1890,

"One by one, we muster heavenward;
One by one, our tents we fold;
Year by year, our ranks are thinning
Soon the number will be told.

Twilight shadows soon will deepen
Guard be mounted—Taps be beat.
List! From dreamland comes a signal!
'Tis from those we then shall greet!

Re-united in a Kingdom
Where no sounds of war are heard,
We shall rest in peace eternal;
This is our Great Captain's word."

CONDITION OF OUR DEPARTMENT.

Through the various vicissitudes of the year, the Posts have fairly held on, we have lost from all causes nearly fifty more than we have gained, and I regret to say a large proportion of the loss is of suspended members. It is now time that each Post should show some signs of more zeal and interest in the Order; in our own minds we have decided how we shall conduct this Department, with the full approval of our most worthy Commander-in-Chief, we hope, so that it behoves each comrade as an individual to work on the recruiting party and each Post to do the same. The pall that has hung over us for so many years is wiped away. There are many old soldiers and sailors who are eligible to join our ranks and if you show but a little interest, that they should, you will be met more than half way. Post Commanders are entreated to make the meetings of their Posts more interesting, not so much dry business; intersperse your business with song, a good story, a pleasing reminiscence; in this way, the Post room becomes as it should be, the Comrades Club Room, and the Post meeting nights are looked forward to with pleasure, not as a bore; in this way, will the Post rooms become the attractive recruiting office, and your membership and prosperity increased; but Comrades, your Post Commanders cannot do this without your most willing and

never ceasing assistance; and Post Commanders, the Comrades want your intelligent and lending hand to guide them, you were elected to command, direct and guide, an example in the faithful carrying out and obedience to the laws of the Order and the perfect working of the ritual; arouse therefore, one and all, throw off this lethargy and indifference, cease your internal dissensions, if you have any, swing into line, catch the step, keep up the touch of elbow and march on with the good of the Order at heart, and at your next Encampment, you will show an increase—yes an increase of a hundred fold.

CHARITY.

There has been reported as expended for charity by the Posts in this Department about \$450.00, this is, however, but a small sum compared to the amount actually given. When we take into consideration the small number in our Department with a per capita tax of but sixty cents per man, per year, from this the actual expenses to be paid that are necessary to maintain the Posts, the showing of \$450.00 expended is large, being something like \$250.00 more than the maximum of the amount due. Aside from this, as before stated, the amount donated in other ways is very great, given in a way that will never be shown to the comrades at large. The individual charities have been unceasing, the calls from the comrades and old soldiers who have wandered down here and become stranded, and in absolute want is great; and I feel that the call upon this Department for the relief of the poor and needy from outside Departments is much greater than from those of our own, in a way this is gratifying; but should demands come much more frequent from comrades of our own Department, I fear there would be more suffering than we could relieve. These Head Quarters have but little, if any funds to devote to the needy, our expenses have been kept as low as possible, this year has been a struggle to get on, as we had to get an entire new outfit of books, etc., and this with a small amount of printing has been about all that we have been able to do. The only suggestions I have to make as to how we can increase our funds so that we can have more to expend are: 1st: To increase our membership, or increase of per capita tax. 2nd: For all the Posts in New Orleans to join forces and hire one house for Post rooms, etc., this house to be large enough to have some spare rooms in which accommodations could be furnished for those who required them, with this small beginning it could readily lead to greater things, and I lay the matter before you for your consideration.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

At the Twenty-fourth National Encampment held in Boston, this Department was well represented by Past Department Commander, Comrade Badger, who served on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, General Alger, Senior Vice-Commander, Comrade Speed, Representative Comrade Heidenhain, Post Commander of Jos. A. Mower Post, No. 1, Comrade

Shute and Comrades Lincoln and McMahon. Our Department was ably represented in the Encampment, Comrade Speed was appointed on the Committee on Rules and Regulations and on the report of the Judge Advocate General. Comrade Shute is a member of the National Council of Administration.

The Boston Herald stated: "Although the Louisiana and Mississippi delegations were small, they however, had enthusiasm enough for a much larger crowd, they marched well and their handsome silk banner was much admired." Each of the above named Comrades did noble service in enlightening our Northern Comrades as to the true state of the situation in this Department, to them I extend my thanks.

SONS OF VETERANS

Benjamin A. Harrison Camp, No. 1, is the only Camp of the Sons of Veterans in this Department, they number about seventy members and are an energetic and growing Camp. They have had the same difficulties to contend with the past year that you have and met them in a true and manly spirit. The attention to duty and the working of their officers is simply beautiful. I feel assured that it is the duty of every G. A. R. man to give them a helping hand to assist and encourage them in every way reasonable to a successful accomplishment of the purposes of their organization; in no better hands can we leave the duty of perpetuating the true principles of our grand Order, to them, I wish all success and prosperity.

OFFICERS.

The duties of the Assistant Adjutant General the past year have been unusually great and laborious and Comrade Keeting has proven himself to be most efficient, careful and painstaking in the discharge of the mass of business thrown upon him; to him is due the formulating of an entire new set of books and the keeping of records that will last for all time, and in bringing order out of chaos and presenting to you an intelligent and true report. I feel greatly indebted to him for his official acts and most grateful for his warm personal friendship ever expressed towards me. To the Assistant Quartermaster General for attentive and faithful discharge of his various and on times complicated duties, I am indebted for much aid during the past year, to the Judge Advocate General, for his wise counsel and ready assistance at all times; I am thankful to the Inspector General who has given so much of his time and means, who has performed his duties so ably, and has given new heart and courage to all the Posts he has visited, my warmest thanks are tendered. I must also thank the other officers of the Department and staff for the valuable services rendered and particularly to the Senior Aide-de-Camp Comrade Y. A. Woodward, for leaving his business and visiting National Head Quarters at Detroit, for and in behalf of this Department at a time it was in dire distress. To the Council of Administration, I am especially in-

debted for their aid, advice and counsel, they have been called together many times and have done good work, your interests were placed in good hands when you elected them to the responsible positions.

Finally. With a deep sense of gratitude for the honor you conferred upon me and one which I shall never fail to appreciate, the trust confided to me, I return to you with more thanks than words can express for your confidence. I have endeavored to do my duty, any errors committed, have been errors of judgement, not of the heart and I pray your indulgence.

Let us all remain united in the three principal objects of our Order, Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. May God bless you all is the fervent wish of your humble servant.

GEO. T. HODGES,
Department Commander.



Report of the Senior Vice Commander.

VICKSBURG, MISS., February 14, 1891.

COL. C. W. KEETING,

Assistant Adjutant-General,

Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R.

COMRADE:—I have the honor to submit my report as Senior Vice Commander and Inspector of the Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, to the Department Encampment.

As soon as practicable after my appointment as Inspector I made a personal inspection of Joseph A. Mower Post, No. 1; Timothy O. Howe Post, No. 3; Abraham Lincoln Post, No. 4; Custer Post, No. 5; and Vicksburg Post, No. 7; and found their condition entirely satisfactory, more especially when it is remembered that shortly previous to my visit to them an attempt had been made by the late Commander of the Department to organize a large number of Posts composed entirely of colored men, which owing to the peculiar social conditions by which we are surrounded, had a discouraging and depressing effect upon their membership and had caused a falling off in the attendance. I received a soldierly reception and generous hospitality and was much gratified at meeting with a number of old comrades with whom it was my privilege to have served during the war. There was a full attendance at the Inspections. In discipline, interest, manner of keeping the records, collection of revenue and zeal displayed in searching out and affording relief to destitute comrades, I am sure that the Posts enumerated will compare favorably with

the average Post wheresoever situated. Joseph A. Mower Post, No. 1, may have its equal, but there is none superior to it, in any Department of the Grand Army of the Republic. Comrad Thomas Kremetz, courteously performed the duty of inspecting Harney Post, No. 2, for me, and although the number of its members is small and it had suffered an irreparable loss in the death of Comrade Henry Shorten, he found its condition to be good, and its prospects bright. Comrades D. E. Sweet, and L. C. Reed placed me under obligations by inspecting Jennings Post, No. 6, and John A. Logan Post, No. 8, respectively, the condition of each of which was found to be satisfactory.

I was unable to inspect in person, owing to important business engagements during the month of December, any of the Posts except Vicksburg, No. 7, but that duty was kindly performed for me by Comrades Graham, Kremetz, Heidenhain, Stewart, Stone, Sweet and Reed who have my thanks therefor. An examination of the several reports reveals the fact that although there has been, with the exception of three Posts, a marked falling off in membership, during the six months preceding, yet it has not been as great as was to have been expected from the peculiar conditions existing in this Department, and it is a source of congratulation to know that notwithstanding the demoralization occasioned by the illegal and fraudulent attempt of the late Department Commander to perpetuate his power by seizing upon the Department records and machinery of organization, that with comparatively few exceptions the comrades have remained steadfast. It is not to be disguised, however, that the current of hostility towards the promoters of the scheme to seize upon the Department Organization by the attempted creation of a large number of Posts whose members in the main were ineligible to membership in the Grand Army, runs deep and strong, and it has only been through an abiding faith that justice will be done in the end, that our Organization has been maintained. Our comrades find themselves confronted by a situation not of their own making or seeking. When in 1861 they were summoned, like our forefathers, to leave the plow in the furrow, the heated iron upon the anvil, the pen in the counting room, the plane and hammer upon the bench, it was in response to the demands of a duty which they owed to their country, to rally round its flag and preserve the sacred legacy of human freedom and the rights of man, bequeathed to them by those whose glorious deeds at Yorktown, and Monmouth and Valley Forge had taught them that the noblest duty of man is to suffer, and if need be, to die for country and their fellow men. It was not the love of adventure or desire for gain which tore them from peaceful homes, the labors of the field, of the shop, and of commerce, but the stern demand of duty, and now that their labors, their sufferings and sacrifices have been crowned with victory and there is no longer a country's honor in peril, other duties call for their exertions, and to day, in their declining years, they are confronted with a duty second only to that

which they owe to their country, but as sacred and as binding,—that to wife and children. Through force of circumstances which they could neither control nor avert, they find themselves domiciled in a section of the country where peculiar social conditions exist and which they are powerless to change. The inexorable law of this social condition is such that the white man who associates upon terms of social equality with the black man is debared from all Association with the people of the white race and practically excluded from the privilege of earning a livelihood. It points the finger of scorn and derision to the wife of his bosom and the children of his love. Like the law of the Medes and the Persians, it altereth not and operates with an irresistible and crushing force upon all who dare to disregard its behests. And no stronger proof of this need be advanced than to mention the fact that there are no mixed organizations existing anywhere throughout the Southern States, with a possible exception of a few political clubs. This chasm is too wide and too deep to be bridged in a generation and even if our comrades were willing their utmost exertions would be impotent to fill it. The tide runs so strong and so deep that no man can stem it. This is but the recognition of a fact which confronts us on every side and it would be the height of folly to ignore it. Our comrades have shown during long years of trial and in many difficult situations, their willingness to maintain at any sacrifice the civil rights of the colored man; they have labored in season and out of season for the amelioration of his condition, for the education of his children, and to secure the enactment of just and equitable laws for his protection, not without results. But this law of social condition, whether it be of man or the devil, presents an insurmountable obstacle and to come into collision with it simply means social annihilation and abject poverty. Our comrades are not to be blamed if they place their duty to those whom God has given into their protection, their wives and children, superior to any demand upon them as social reformers. Ours is purely a social and charitable organization with no ulterior object. Experience has demonstrated that whenever our colored friends enter into an organization owing to their superior numbers they immediately dominate it, the Grand Army of the Republic would be no exception to the rule, as was conclusively shown by the selection of officers made by the Gray usurpation, eleven of the fifteen Department officers, including Council of Administration, chosen by it being colored men. Knowing these facts and realizing the inexorable law based upon them, with a degree of unanimity unparalleled in any like organization, our membership has been prepared for months past, to abandon their Posts rather than yield the domination of this Department to our "brother in black" and it is surprising to know that under the circumstances our losses have not been far in excess of actual results. It is undoubtedly true, however, that should our anticipations of being able to maintain a separate existence, unfortunately not be realized, our Posts will dissolve like fog be-

fore the rising sun and remain only as a memory of pleasant hours spent in the companionship with those between whom the magnetism of true comradeship exists, only to be broken when we shall have been mustered out of this earthly warfare and reinlisted in the Grand Army of the great hereafter. I have on all occasions when called upon to speak counselled moderation and patience, believing that some way will be found by which we could be extricated from our unfortunate and distressing condition, without doing any act of injustice to those who by reason of their service are entitled to admittance into the Grand Army of the Republic, and whose misfortune it is, without their fault, to have darker hued skins than our own.

I made no inspection of the so-called colored Posts, numbered from nine to seventeen, inclusive, several of which were organized by Captain Gray after he ceased to be Department Commander, because I knew of my own knowledge and from reliable information received from others, that a large proportion of their membership consists of individuals who are clearly ineligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. It is asserted and I believe it to be a fact, that many members of these so-called Posts, are persons under the age of forty years, who could by no possibility have seen any service in the Army of the Union. If I had been disposed so to do I could not consistently with my obligation as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and my oath of office, have visited a Post which I believed from its very inception to have been tainted with fraud.

On last Memorial day I participated with the comrades at Vicksburg in its observance, and at the invitation delivered an oration in the presence of many thousand hearers at the National Cemetery. Passed Commander-in-Chief John D. Kountz also made an address, chaste, eloquent and appropriate to the occasion, which was received with the greatest satisfaction by the immense assemblage, included in which was the Vicksburg Camp of Confederate veterans, who formed an escort of honor to Vicksburg Post and its distinguished guest "the drummer boy of Missionary Ridge," and a large number of comrades in attendance upon the reunion of the Blue and the Grey.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

FREDERIC SPEED,

Senior Vice Commander and Inspector.

Report of the Junior Vice Commander.

NEW ORLEANS, February, 16th, 1891.

To the Officers and Members of the Eighth Annual Encampment, Department Louisiana and Mississippi, Grand Army of the Republic.

COMMANDER AND COMRADES:—I have the honor to make this my report of the operations of my office for the past year.

I have visited Posts one, four and five located in this city and found in all these Posts a lively interest for the good of our Order, I have attended all meetings of the Council of Administration 10 in numbers, except one. My connection with my associates of the Department have been pleasant and agreeable and I shall always remember with pleasure and pride my connection with the outgoing Council of Administration.

I congratulate my Comrades on the happy results thus far obtained through the management of our worthy Commander and his immediate staff. The great evil that threatened our existence as an organization, during the past year is I think past, and I confidently look forward to a year of great prosperity and increased usefulness in Grand Army of the Republic of this Department.

In conclusion, I thank my Comrades of the Department for their uniform kindness and courtesy during my term of office.

Yours in F. C. & L.

PATRICK O'HARE.

Junior Vice Commander

Report of the Assistant Adjutant General.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., February 16, 1891.

GEO. T. HODGES,
Department Commander.

COMRADE: In compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, I have the honor to submit my annual report of the business transacted in this office for the year ending December 31, 1890.

No records having been turned over to me by my predecessor in office, I was compelled to ascertain the membership in good standing on the 31st day of December, 1889, from the reports furnished me by the Posts Adjutants for the first quarter of 1890.

Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. 19

First Quarter Gains.

Number in good standing December 31, 1889.....	393
By Muster in.....	11
By Transfer.....	1
By Reinstatement.....	1
Total gain.....	13
Aggregate.....	406

Losses,

By Death.....	4
By Transfer.....	4
By Suspensions.....	9
Total Loss.....	17
Number in good standing March 31, 1890.....	389

Second Quarter Gains.

By Muster in.....	15
By Transfer.....	2
By Reinstatement.....	2
Total gain.....	17
Aggregate.....	406

Second Quarter Losses.

By Deaths.....	7
By Transfer.....	3
By Suspension.....	21
Total Loss.....	41
Number in good standing June 30, 1890.....	375

Third Quarter Gains.

By Muster in.....	7
By Transfer.....	2
Total gain.....	9
Aggregate.....	384

Losses.

By Death.....	1
By Transfer.....	1
By Suspension.....	20
Total Loss.....	22
Number in good standing June 30, 1890.....	362

Fourth Quarter Gains.					
By Muster in	7				
By Transfer	2				
Total gain					9
Aggregate					37
Losses.					
By Death	4				
By Transfer	3				
By Suspension	19				
Total Loss					26
Number in good standing December 31, 1890					34
Recapitulation.					
Number in good standing December 31, 1889					39
Gain during the year by Muster in	40				
" " " " Transfer	5				
" " " " Reinstatement	3				
Total gain					48
Aggregate					44
Losses.					
By Death during the year	16				
By Transfer during the year	11				
By Suspension during the year	69				
Total Loss					96
Number in good standing December 31, 1890					34
Net loss in numbers during the year					3
Total amount expended for relief during the year, taken from the Quarter Reports of 8 Posts					\$451
The following table gives an exhibit in detail of the gain or loss each Post during the year.					
No. of Post	Name of Post.	Membership Dec. 31, 1889	Membership Dec. 31, 1890	Gain.	Loss
1	Joseph A. Mower	165	163	..	2
2	Harney	16	14	..	2
3	T. O. Howe	60	42	..	18
4	A. Lincoln	50	35	..	15
5	Custer	42	24	..	18
6	Jennings	18	21	3	..
7	Vicksburg	26	31	5	..
8	John A. Logan	16	15	..	1
				8	50
Net loss for the year ending December 31, 1890					

There has been issued from Department Headquarters during the past year, 15 General Orders, 16 Special Orders and 1 Circular Letter.

For the second and third quarters of the year, I forwarded to National Headquarters, Supplementary Reports made up from the returns sent to me from the nine Posts organized by Jacob Gray.

When I entered upon the discharge of the duties of my office, I was not able to obtain from my predecessor any of the books, records or property belonging to the Department, I was therefore compelled to commence my labors without the benefit of a single copy of a letter or order to guide me in the discharge of my duties.

With the chaotic condition of affairs in the Department at the time, necessitating a larger correspondence and a close and careful study of the Rules and Regulations pertaining to all matters connected with the Grand Army, at times I hardly know how I could have performed all the duties devolving upon me, had it not been for the able assistance you so cheerfully rendered.

The Comrades of the Department of Louisiana and Mississippi respect and admire you for the faithful and loyal manner in which you have performed the duties of Department Commander during the past year, but I have to especially thank you for the active interest you have at all times manifested, to instruct and assist me in the performance of my work. Your unwavering courtesy and friendship has materially aided to make my labors that often seemed difficult, appear light and agreeable.

For the kind and respectful treatment I have ever received from the Comrades of this Department, I return my heartfelt thanks.

To the members of the official staff, I desire to express my appreciation and gratitude, for their uniform courtesy and consideration shown to me at all times.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

C. W. KEETING,

Assistant Adjutant General

Report of the Assistant Quarter Master General.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., February 16th, 1891

COMMANDER AND COMRADES:—I have the honor to submit the following statement of the operations of my office during the year 1890, which

officially closes to night. During that period I have received from my predecessor.

Commander P. H. Boyle	\$ 9 41
Account Per capita Tax	219.85
" Decoration day 1890	79.60
" Supplies	28.55
Total	337.41

I have expended for,

Printing	\$66.50
Postage	19.00
Per capita Tax 1889	1 95
" " 1890	8.30
Relief	20.00
Burial D. Edgunth	10.00
" John Deyer	15.00
Supplies	45.42
Expenses Boston Encampment	81.45
Courtmarial J. Gray	25.00
Incidental expenses	12 71
Total	\$305.33

Leaving a balance of \$ 32.08. The expenses incurred from the Courtmarial of Jacob Gray of \$25.00 has been returned to this Department, thereby leaving a cash balance on hand of \$57.08.

I have also collected by orders from National headquarters, per capita tax from colored Post from 9 to 17 inclusive, the sum of \$280.65; said amount has been returned by order from Council of Administration, Department Louisiana and Mississippi, to Post 9 to 17 inclusive, less per capita tax sent to National Department.

Respectfully yours, in F. C. & L.,

F. A. OLROYD,
Assistant Quarter Master General.

We the undersigned committee of the Council of Administration have examined the books and accounts of the A. Q. M. G. and find same correct.

C. M. MURRAY,
THOMAS STONE.

Report of the Assistant Judge Advocate General.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., February 16th, 1891.

CHARLES W. KENTING

Assistant Adjutant General.

DEAR COMRADE: The report of my Department must necessarily be brief, as I have rendered no official decisions or opinions during my term of office, and my duties have been more consultative and advisory than otherwise. The Commander and other officers of the Department have been so thoroughly in earnest in all that pertained to its affairs, and so competent to judge and decide for its best interests, they have had but little need of my assistance in my official capacity. The vital needs of the Department have been generally discussed among the Comrades, and I am happy to say the conclusions arrived at have been almost unanimous.

I believe the action of the Department during the past year will meet with the approval of the Commander-in-chief and the National Encampment.

To the Department Commander, yourself and other members of the Staff, and to the Comrades of the Department, generally, I desire to express my thanks, and appreciation of the uniform kindness and Comradeship extended to me during my term of office.

Yours in F. C. and L.

A. S. GRAHAM.

Assistant Judge Advocate General.

Report of the Department Chaplain.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., February 16th, 1891.

TO COL. C. W. KEETING.

Assistant Adjutant General,

Department Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R.

COMRADE:—I have the honor to submit to the Department Encampment through you, the following brief report as Department Chaplain. The duties of this office are not very clearly defined in the rules and Regulations, but so far as I have understood them or they have been made known to me, I have endeavored faithfully to perform them. I assisted in the Memorial Day services at Chalmette National Cemetery last year.

I officiated at the burial services of the funeral of our late Senior Vice Commander, Comrade "Henry Shorten," who's death took place at Baton Rouge, May 30th, 1890.

May the God of nations, who led us through perilous times and gave us the victory, now give us wisdom, so to use our dearly bought privileges as to be able to promote the highest good and greatest prosperity, not of a section but the whole country, not of a party but of all the people.

I have the honor to be in F. C. & L., most sincerely your Comrade and friend,

VAN R. K. HILLIARD,
Department Chaplain.

Report of the Chief Mustering Officer.

GENERAL GEO. T. HODGES,

*Commander of the Eighth Annual Encampment,
Department Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R.*

COMRADE: I have the honor to submit this my report for the past year ending February 16, 1891. I have not been called upon to perform any of the duties appertaining to my office as Mustering Officer, and therefore have nothing to communicate under that head. I attended meetings of the Council and been at all times ready to act when called upon. I thank you for the honor conferred by appointment and you may rest assured that had an opportunity presented itself, I should have done my utmost to reflect credit upon the office.

Respectfully yours in F. C. & L.,
GEO. W. MILLER,
Chief Mustering Officer.

Report of the Senior Aide-de-Camp.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., February 13, 1891.

GENERAL GEO. T. HODGES,
Commander,

Department Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R.

COMRADE: I have the honor to report that my official labors for the year just past, have been so light and so few, by reason of the untiring and unremitting work of our Commander, that they cannot possibly call for any recognition; except in acknowledgment of the kindness which prompted the appointment. Regretting that I have not been able to do more, I have the honor to be

In F. C. & L.,

Y. A. WOODWARD,
Senior Aid.

The Assistant Adjutant General presented the following report of the Council of Administration.

Report of the Council of Administration.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., February 16th, 1891.

To the Eighth Annual Encampment, of the Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, Grand Army of the Republic.

COMRADES: The Council of Administration met at Joseph A. Mower Post room February 12, 1890. Action on proceedings of 7th Annual Encampment was postponed until next meeting.

The following resolution was adopted. "Resolved, that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to demand of Dr. Edward Henderson, late Assistant Adjutant General to turn over to him all books, records and other property belonging to the Department of Louisiana and Mississippi." The meeting adjourned to meet at same place February 17, 1891.

February 17, 1890. The Council met pursuant to adjournment and approved the minutes of the previous meeting. The proceedings of the Seventh Annual Encampment were read and approved. The following resolution was unanimously adopted, and a copy ordered sent to the Adjutant General of the G. A. R.

"Resolved. That it is the opinion of the Council of Administration of this Department, that on investigation of the organization of the so-called Posts of this Department numbered from 9 to 17, will show that very many members thereof are not, and never were eligible to membership in the G. A. R. and that said so-called Posts were hastily organized mainly with a view to control the action of the Department Encampment." Be it further resolved: That the National Administration be requested not to give recognition to the so-called officers of the Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, of which Jacob Gray claims to be the Commander, until a full and thorough investigation be made into the manner of their election." It was further resolved, that the Department Commander be requested to send Comrade York A. Woodward to the Commander-in-Chief General Alger, with a full explanation of the situation in this Department. The Council then adjourned subject to call.

June 23, 1890, in accordance with order of the Department Commander the Council again met at Mower Post room and adopted the following resolution:

Whereas: It has pleased the Supreme Commander of the Universe to remove from our midst our worthy Comrade, and Senior Vice Commander, Henry Schorten, who died on the 3rd day of May, 1890, while in the prime of his manhood, and during a period in the history of our Order,

when to be deprived of his usefulness we sustain an irreparable loss: we humbly bow in resignation to the dispensation of our all wise Commander in our great affliction. Resolved: That in the death of our Comrade, the community wherein he resided has lost a good man, and a true and loyal citizen, whom to know was to love and honor, and this Department an active and generous member who was ever ready to devote his time and means to further the interests of our Organization.

Resolved: That we in behalf of the Department, tender to his wife and children our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of greatest sorrow, and commend them to Him who cares for the widow and fatherless. Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the family of our late Comrade.

The Council then proceeded to the election of a Senior Vice Commander, and Comrade Frederick Speed, of Vicksburg, being the unanimous choice of the Council, he was elected to fill the unexpired term made vacant by Comrade Schorten's death.

The Council then by unanimous consent requested the Commander of Mower Post, No. 1, to have charges of disobedience of lawful orders, and conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline, preferred against Nicholas Stumpt, a member of that Post, he having in his pretended office of Assistant Quarter Master General of this Department, unlawfully drawn money and supplies from National Headquarters. The Council then adjourned subject to call.

July 2, 1890, pursuant to orders from G. T. Hodges, Department Commander, the Council of administration met at Mower Post room and installed Comrade Frederick Speed as Senior Vice-Commander. Council then adjourned subject to call.

July 31, 1890, pursuant to orders from the Department Commander, the Council met at Mower Post room, and the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved: That in the event of the National Encampment at Boston, deciding that the Negro Posts organized by Jacob Gray, Past Department Commander, shall be taken up by, and hereafter form a part of the Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, that this Department requests our officers and delegates to ask the Encampment, to organize the Posts of Louisiana and Mississippi known as Nos 1 to 8 inclusive, into a separate Department, to be known as the Department of the Gulf, in order that the object for which they worked for so many years may not be lost to us, and that our social associations may not be destroyed.

After electing Comrade Henry Heidenhain to fill the place of delegate to the National Encampment, made vacant by the resignation of Comrade F. W. Gibson, the Council adjourned, subject to call.

November 20, 1890. The Council of Administration met pursuant to call of G. T. Hodges, Department Commander, who then laid before it

the refusal of the National Council of Administration to grant the appeal for a Separate Department for the Posts 1 to 8 inclusive. After fully discussing the situation and interest of the Department, a Committee consisting of Comrades Patrick O'Hare and John Stewart was appointed to draft a protest against the decision of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Administration, and the Council then adjourned to meet again on Tuesday, November 25, 1890.

November 25, 1890. The Council met pursuant to adjournment, and after approving the proceedings of former meetings adopted the following:

Whereas: The Executive Committee of the National Council of Administration have refused to grant the request of the Posts from 1 to 8 inclusive of this Department, for a separate Department.

Therefore, Be it resolved: That this Council of Administration of the Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, do enter our most solemn and earnest protest against the ruling and decision of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Administration, G. A. R. in refusing to grant the request made by the Posts from 1 to 8 inclusive of this Department to be made a separate Department, for the following reasons:

That in the event that this decision of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Administration be sustained it will be the means of entirely wiping out the white Posts of this Department or depleting them so that their efficiency will be lost. That it is a well known fact that the G. A. R. Posts, from 9 to 17 inclusive, in this Department were granted Charters in a spirit of revenge by the then Department Commander, Jacob Gray, who openly boasted, "that as he could not have the G. A. R. participate with him in the funeral ceremonies of the late Jefferson Davis, that hereafter he would force them to march with, and be commanded by negroes." That this decision, if sustained, will break up the organization that has been in existence the past seventeen years, an out-post, as it were of the G. A. R., on account of our far away and isolated location, an organization composed of Comrades from almost every State in the Union, who in years past made their homes in the "Sunny South," formed social ties and associations which of necessity took years to cement—Comrades who have all worn the badge with honor to themselves and credit to the Grand Army, and who are honored by all true soldiers. Therefore it can easily be understood how humiliating it is now to be obliged to surrender these grand privileges, after all these many years of struggle and labor in maintaining a Department, overcoming obstacles and prejudices which no other Department of the G. A. R. has been subjected to. We therefore, most earnestly pray, that for the good of the order, and for the maintenance of these Eight Posts, that our request for a Separate Department may be granted. The Council then adjourned subject to call.

January 10, 1891. Pursuant to orders of the Department Commander, the Council met for the purpose of taking into further consideration the interest of the Department, and several suggestions of the Commander-in-Chief, and the Inspector General of the G. A. R. communicated through the Department Commander. The Council resolved to call a mass meeting of the Comrades of the Department to meet General Burst, on Tuesday evening January 13, 1891. After deciding to change the date of the meeting of the Eighth Department Encampment, from the second Monday, to the third Monday in February. The Council adjourned to meet January 17, 1891.

January 17, 1891. The Council met pursuant to adjournment. There being no quorum present, it adjourned subject to call.

January 20, 1891. In obedience to Special Order No. 16 dated: Department Headquarters, January 18, the Council of Administration met at Department Headquarters. The proceedings of former meeting were approved. The Department Commander then made a full and clear statement, regarding the examination and inspection made by General Burst, Inspector General of the G. A. R. After which each member of the Council gave his views regarding future action of the Department, when the following resolutions were presented and passed:

"Whereas: The events of the past year, prove conclusively, and to the satisfaction of the Council of Administration, that it is impossible there can be any affiliation between the Posts or Comrades of this Department, and the so-called Colored Posts organized by Past Department Commander Jacob Grey, and, Whereas: The organization of these Posts, and the forcing of them on this Department has greatly demoralized the Comrades of the old Posts, and caused a loss of membership. Therefore,

Be it Resolved: That all moneys received from said Colored Posts, by the Direction of General Alger, Past Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., be returned to them, less the per capita tax forwarded to National Headquarters, and that this Council of Administration direct that the said Posts be notified to send their future returns direct to National Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic, and farther—that this Council of Administration, believing that the said Colored Posts were illegally organized, they will not be further recognized, or considered in anyway part of this Department.

Resolved: That the Department Encampment shall be called as per a former resolution on the 16th day of February, 1891, and shall consist only of the elected delegates and the members of the Encampment, from Posts No. 1 to 8 inclusive.

The Council then adjourned to meet at rooms of Mower Post, No. 1, on February 14, 1891.

February 14, 1891. The Council met pursuant to adjournment and appointed a committee to examine the books and accounts of the Assistant Quarter Master General, which were found correct, as will be shown by their report. The Council then adjourned.

A. S. GRAHAM, } Committee.
C. W. KEETING, }

On motion, all the reports were received and approved.

On motion, the Department Commander, appointed the following Committees:

Committee on Credentials.

Comrade C. W. Keeting, Comrade James Brewin,
Comrade W. G. James.

Committee on Reports of Officers.

Comrade C. H. Shute, Comrade A. S. Graham,
Comrade A. S. Badger.

Senior Vice-Commander Speed, moved that two thousand copies of the proceedings of the Encampment be printed.

The motion was carried.

On motion of Comrade F. H. Whitaker, voted that the Per Capita Tax be increased to one dollar per year, payable semi-annually.

On motion of Comrade H. C. Bartlett, Post 3, voted to proceed to the nomination and election of Department Officers.

Comrade F. H. Whitaker, Post 1, nominated Comrade Geo. T. Hodges.

Comrade Frederic Speed, Post 7, seconded the nomination. No other nomination having been made, the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade George T. Hodges, for Department Commander, for the ensuing year.

The Assistant Adjutant General cast 39 ballots accordingly, and Comrade George T. Hodges, was declared to have been elected Department Commander.

Comrade Frederick Speed, Post 7, as Senior Vice-Commander; Comrade J. H. Roberts, Post 6, as Junior Vice-Commander and Comrade Van R. K. Hilliard, Post 1, as Chap-

lain, were nominated and elected in same manner and by the same vote.

Comrade D. M. Durkee, Post 8, and Comrade J. B. Vandegrieff, Post 4, were placed in nomination for Medical Director, the vote resulted as follows:

D. M. Durkee, received 24 votes; J. B. Vandegrieff, received 14 votes.

Comrade D. M. Durkee, Post 8, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected Medical Director for the ensuing year.

On motion, the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for C. M. Murray, Post 1; John Stewart, Post 3; Thomas Stone, Post 4; Patrick O'Hare and Fred Brunner, Post 5; as members of the Council of Administration, whereupon the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote accordingly; and Comrade C. W. Murray, Post 1; Comrade John Stewart, Post 3; Comrade Thomas Stone, Post 4; Comrade Patrick Hare and Comrade Fred Brunner, Post 5, received 39 votes, and were declared to have been duly elected members of the Council of Administration for the ensuing year.

The following Comrades were placed in nomination as Representatives to the 25th Annual National Encampment:

Comrade C. K. Lincoln, Post 1; Comrade C. S. Rice, Post 1; Comrade G. W. Miller, Post 4; Comrade H. Heidenhain, Post 1.

A ballot was then taken which resulted as follows:

Comrade C. K. Lincoln, Post 1, received 5 votes; Comrade C. S. Rice, Post 1, received 11 votes; Comrade G. W. Miller, Post 4, received 12 votes; Comrade H. Heidenhain, Post 1, received 9 votes.

No Comrade having received a majority of the votes cast a second ballot was taken with the following result:

Comrade C. S. Rice, Post 1, received 17 votes; Comrade G. W. Miller, Post 4, received 14 votes; Comrade H. Heidenhain, Post 1, received 5 votes.

Again no Comrade having received a majority of the votes cast, a third ballot was taken which resulted as follows:

Comrade C. S. Rice, Post 1, received 19 votes; Comrade G. W. Miller, Post 4, received 15 votes.

Comrade C. S. Rice, Post 1, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected Representative to the 25th Annual National Encampment,

On motion, Comrade G. W. Miller, Post 4, was unanimously elected Alternate Representative to the 25th Annual National Encampment.

On motion of Past Department Commander A. S. Graham, the thanks of the Encampment was tendered to the Comrades of Lincoln and Custer Posts, for the presentation of the excellent picture of our worthy Department Commander.

On motion of Comrade Y. A. Woodward, Post 1, that the handsome picture of the Department Commander, received from the Comrades of Lincoln and Custer Posts, be presented to the wife of our Commander, and the following Committee was appointed by the Assistant Adjutant General, to make the presentation.

Comrade Y. A. Woodward, Post 1,

Comrade A. S. Graham, Post 3,

Comrade Patrick O'Hare, Post 5.

On motion, voted that a copy of General Orders No. 15, from Department Headquarters, be forwarded to the family of General Sherman and to Ransom Post, Grand Army of the Republic, St. Louis, Missouri, as expressing the sentiments of the Department Encampment.

A motion was made by Comrade H. C. Bartlett, Post 3, that we now proceed with the installation of Officers, which motion was carried, whereupon the officers elect, also C. W. Keeting, Post 1, Assistant Adjutant General and Comrade Charles F. Frink, Post 1, Assistant Quartermaster General, were duly installed by Past Department Commander A. S. Graham.

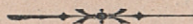
Comrade A. S. Graham, Post 3, and Comrade F. A. Olroyd, Post 3, having been announced as Judge Advocate

and Chief Mustering Officer, respectively, were then duly installed by the Department Commander.

The Encampment then adjourned *sine die*.

A true copy of the proceedings,

C. W. KEETING,
Asst. Adjutant General.



Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. }
New Orleans, La., February 12, 1890 }

GENERAL ORDER }
No. 1. }

The undersigned, at a meeting of the Seventh Annual Encampment of this Department, held on the 11th day of February, 1890, having been duly elected and installed as Department Commander for the coming year, hereby assumes command.

Existing orders and regulations will remain in force until rescinded or modified..

Official: GEO. T. HODGES,
C. W. KEETING, Department Commander.
Ass't Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. }
New Orleans, La., February 20, 1890 }

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 2. }

Comrade York A. Woodward, of Joseph A. Mower Post, No. 1, is hereby appointed Senior Aid-de-Camp on the Department Commander's Staff, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By command of
Official: GEO. T. HODGES,
C. W. KEETING, Department Commander.
Ass't Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. }
New Orleans, La., March 27, 1890. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 3. }

I. The following named comrades have been duly elected, at the Seventh Annual Encampment of this Department, to the positions designated herein:

Geo. T. Hodges, *Commander*.
Henry Shorten, *Senior Vice-Commander*.
Patrick O'Hare, *Junior Vice-Commander*.
C. A. Deane, *Medical Director*.
Van R. K. Hilliard, *Chaplain*.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

C. M. Murray,	Joseph A. Mower Post, No. 1.
Thomas Kremutz,	Harney Post, No. 2.
John Steward,	T. O. Howe Post, No. 3.
Thomas Stone,	A. Lincoln Post, No. 4.
Fred Bruner,	Custer Post, No. 5.

REPRESENTATIVE TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

F. W. Gibson.

ALTERNATE.

Henry Heidenhain.

II. The following appointments in this Department are hereby announced; they will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Assistant Adjutant General, C. W. Keeting,	Post No. 1
Assistant Quarter Master General, F. A. Olroyd,	" 3
Department Inspector, William Wright,	" 2
Judge Advocate, A. S. Graham,	" 3
Chief Mustering Officer, Geo. W. Miller,	" 4
Senior Aid-de-Camp, York A. Woodward,	" 1

III. All the foregoing officers are expected to equip themselves with uniforms as follows: dark navy blue double breasted blouse, with regulation G. A. R. buttons, dark blue navy pants and military hat with gold cord, wreath with Post No., and when on duty wear white gloves, and in their several positions render all assistance in the affairs of the Department.

IV. The Commander of each Post will as soon as practicable, nominate one comrade of his Post, to serve as an Aid-de-Camp to the Department Commander, and forward his name and address to these headquarters.

V. Requisitions for supplies must be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General, and be accompanied by the cash, check or money order; but all checks or money orders should be drawn to the order of F. A. Olroyd, A. Q. M. General.

By command of
Official: GEO. T. HODGES,
C. W. KEETING, Department Commander.
Ass't Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. }
New Orleans, La., May 6, 1890. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 4. }

The following appointments in this Department are hereby announced; they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

Comrade Frederic Speed, of Vicksburg, Post No. 8, vice Comrade William Wright, of Harney Post No. 2, resigned to accept appointment of Assistant Inspector General on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief.

ASSISTANT INSPECTOR.

Comrade Henry Street, of Howe Post No. 3.

AIDES-DE-CAMP.

Comrade E. H. Wheeler, of Joseph A. Mower Post No. 3.
Comrade Joseph Perilatt, of Harney Post, No. 2,
Comrade Samuel W. Evans, of Howe Post, No. 3,
Comrade Charles Weegle, of Custer Post, No. 4.

The attention of the foregoing officers is called to Paragraph 4 of General Orders No. 3, C. S., from these Headquarters:

By command of

GEO. T. HODGES,
Department Commander.

Official:

C. W. KEETING,
Ass't Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. }
New Orleans, La., May 12, 1890. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 5. }

MEMORIAL DAY.

While our comrades throughout the length and breadth of our beloved nation, are arranging to commemorate the loyalty and devotion of our patriotic dead, we should remember that to our little band the proper observance of the 30th of May, as Memorial Day is fraught with a significance of unusual sacredness and sublimity.

Within the National Cemeteries of the Department of Louisiana and Mississippi are buried 42,345 soldiers and sailors of the late war; 1,309 at Alexandria; 3,017 at Baton Rouge; 12,597 at Chalmette; 5,719 at Corinth; 3,088 at Natchez and 16,615 at Vicksburg.

These brave men, coming from nearly every State in the nation, fell while fighting for the preservation of our cherished Union. No friends or kindred will be able to place floral offerings over the last resting place of the dear ones they loved so well.

To perpetuate the memory of these heroic comrades, is intrusted to us the consecrated duty of strewing spring flowers over their lonely graves.

The co-operation of the Woman's Relief Corps and Sons of Veterans, in all preparations for a proper observance of the day at Chalmette, is earnestly requested. All who desire to participate in the ceremonies, should be cordially invited.

It is recommended that every Post attend some church in a body on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day and unite in thanking God for his many blessings. The Department Commander and Staff will attend divine services Sunday, May 25th, with Jos. A. Mower Post No. 1, T. O. Howe No. 3, A. Lincoln No. 4, and Custer, No. 5, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Comrades will assemble at the post-room of Jos. A. Mower No. 1, at 9:30 o'clock A. M. Staff officers will report in full uniform.

By command of

GEO. T. HODGES,
Department Commander.

Official:

C. W. KEETING,
Ass't Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. }
New Orleans, La., May 13, 1890. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 6. }

In accordance with Paragraph III, General Order No. 12, from National Headquarters, dated Detroit, Mich., April 11th, 1890. A thorough inspection of the Posts of this Department, will be made under direction of Department Inspector Frederic Speed. The form of inspection accompanying General Order No. 12, has been forwarded to every Post in the Department.

Harney Post No. 2, of Baton Rouge, will be inspected by Past Department Inspector, Henry Shorten.

By command of

GEO. T. HODGES,
Department Commander.

Official:

C. W. KEETING,
Ass't Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R., }
New Orleans, La., May 28, 1890. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 7. }

The following appointments on the Staff of the Department Com-

mander are hereby announced; they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

ASSISTANT INSPECTORS.

Comrade D. E. Sweet, of Jennings Post No. 6.
Comrade L. C. Reed, of John A. Logan Post No. 8.

AIDE-DE-CAMP.

Comrade L. W. Swafford, of Vicksburg Post No. 7.
By Command of

GEO. T. HODGES,
Department Commander.

Official:

C. W. KEETING,
Ass't Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. }
New Orleans, La., May 28, 1890. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 8. }

In accordance with the arrangements made by the Executive Committee, representing the Grand Army Posts of New Orleans, the following is announced as the Programme of Ceremonies to be observed at Chalmette National Cemetery, on Memorial Day, Friday, May 30th, 1890.

1. National Salute of 21 guns by a detachment of Fourth Artillery United States Army; by kind permission of Major J. B. Campbell, United States Army Commanding Jackson Barracks.
2. Formation in line and reception of the United States Army and Navy, Foreign Counsuls and other officers and organizations.
3. March to the Monument.
4. Ritualistic ceremonies of the G. A. R. at Monument, including reception and distribution of floral offerings.
5. March to Rostrum.
6. Music.
7. Prayer by Rev. M. C. Cole.
8. Music.
9. Oration by Rev. Wm. A. Snively, D. D.
10. Music.
11. Recitation by Miss Delphine Steele.
12. Doxology.
13. Benediction by Rev. W. P. McLaughlin, S. T. B., Presiding Elder, Mission District Methodist Episcopal Church.

The ceremonies at the Cemetery will begin on the arrival of the boat leaving Canal street at 4 o'clock P. M.

Colonel C. W. Keeting, Assistant Adjutant General, Department Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R., will act as Field Officer of the Day.
By command of

GEO. T. HODGES,
Department Commander,

Official:

C. W. KEETING,
Ass't Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. }
New Orleans, La., May 31, 1890. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 9. }

It has become the painful duty of the Department Commander to announce to the Grand Army of the Republic the death of a Comrade, Henry Shorten, Senior Vice-Commander, Department Louisiana and Mississippi, who died at his home in Baton Rouge, La., yesterday.

Comrade Henry Shorten enlisted as a private soldier in Company "C," Second U. S. Cavalry, in June, 1857, and was honorably discharged upon expiration of term of enlistment, at Corinth, Mississippi, in June, 1862. He was present and participated in the engagements of Fort Henry, Fort Donaldson, and the battle of Shiloh, serving under General Lew Wallace; after having been discharged from the Army he served in the Quartermaster's Department. In 1872 he was elected Mayor of the City of Baton Rouge, La., and was appointed to fill the office for a second term by Governor H. C. Warmoth. He was an active and zealous worker for the Grand Army of the Republic, was among the first to organize Harney Post No. 2 in 1883, and was Commander of that Post for some time; in 1885 he was elected Junior Vice-Commander of this Department, and in 1889 and 1890 he was elected Senior Vice-Commander. He had attended every session of the National Encampment since 1883.

The loss of such an estimable, true man, and Comrade cannot but be deeply regretted by the Grand Army of the Republic; his interest in its welfare, always active, remained to the end unabated. He possessed in an eminent degree that correct feeling of Comradeship necessary to preserve and strengthen those kind and fraternal feelings which bind together those who united to suppress the late rebellion, and to perpetuate the memory and history of the dead; to assist, when necessary, our former comrades in arms, and extend aid to the widows and orphans of those who have fallen; his precept and example exerted an influence which was highly beneficial to the order.

As a testimonial of respect for the deceased, the Charters and Post colors of this Department will be draped, and Comrades will wear the usual badge of mourning for the period of thirty days.

By command of

GEO. T. HODGES,
Department Commander.

Official:

C. W. KEETING,
Ass't Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. }
New Orleans, La., June 5, 1890. }

GENERAL ORDERS. }
No. 10. }

At a meeting of the Council of Administration of this Department, held in New Orleans, La., on Monday the 23d day of June, 1890, in compliance with Special Orders No. 9, from these Headquarters, Comrade Frederic Speed, Vicksburg Post No. 7, was unanimously elected Senior Vice-Commander for the Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, vice Henry Shorten, deceased.

By command of
GEO. T. HODGES,
Department Commander.

Official:
C. W. KEETING,
Ass't Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. }
New Orleans, La., November 15, 1890. }

GENERAL ORDERS. }
No. 11. }

I. The Twenty-fourth National Encampment held at Boston, Mass., voted to restore to use the Ritual as it was before the last amendments, and this new copy of the old Ritual, which goes into effect January 11th, 1891, will be forwarded to each Post not later than December 15th, next. At the last meeting in December, the copies of the Ritual now in use should be returned to Department Headquarters.

II. At the last meeting in December next, there will be held an inspection of each Post, showing its condition at the close of the year. The Department Inspector will recommend the assignment of Assistant Inspectors to this duty.

III. The Twenty-fourth National Encampment also voted that semi-annual reports only will be required of Department and Post officers hereafter. This regulation will take effect January 11th, 1891, the usual reports will therefore be required for the quarter ending December 31, 1890, and each Post is requested to render this report promptly.

IV. In accordance with the rules and regulations, the Post officers (the Adjutant, Sergeant, Major and Quartermaster-Sergeant excepted) shall be elected at the first stated meeting in December by ballot, unless a ballot be dispensed with by unanimous consent, and they shall be installed into their respective offices at the first stated meeting in January following.

V. The Delegates and Alternates to the Department Encampment shall be elected at the same time and in the same manner as the Post officers. They shall be furnished with credentials signed by the Post Commander and Post Adjutant, a copy of which will be immediately forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General of the Department.

The number of Delegates to which each Post is entitled to, is one representative for every fifty members or fractional part thereof, as shown by their reports of members in good standing for the third quarter of the current year.

By command of
GEO. T. HODGES,
Department Commander.

Official:
C. W. KEETING,
Ass't Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. }
New Orleans, La., December 19, 1890. }

GENERAL ORDERS. }
No. 12. }

In accordance with Paragraph 2, General Orders No. 11, from Department Headquarters, dated November 15th, 1890. A thorough inspection of the Posts of this Department will be made at the last meeting in December, under direction of Inspector Frederic Speed, and Assistants, as following:

Inspector, Frederic Speed,	Vicksburg Post No. 7.
Ass't Inspector, Thos. Krementz,	Harney Post No. 2.
" A. S. Graham,	Jos. A. Mower Post No. 1.
" Henry Heidenhain,	T. O. Howe Post No. 3.
" John Stewart,	A. Lincoln Post No. 4.
" Thos. Stone,	Custer Post No. 5.
" D. E. Sweet,	Jennings Post No. 6.
" L. C. Reed,	John A. Logan Post No. 8.

Assistant Inspectors will upon completion of their work, transmit at once reports to Frederic Speed, Department Inspector, Vicksburg, Miss.

By command of
GEO. T. HODGES,
Department Commander.

Official,
C. W. KEETING,
Ass't Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. }
New Orleans, La., February 4, 1891. }

GENERAL ORDERS. }
No. 13. }

I. The Eighth Annual Encampment of the Department of Louisiana and Mississippi will meet at the Rooms of Joseph A. Mower Post, Grand Army of the Republic; No. 5 Commercial Place, on Monday, February 16th, 1891, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Posts are entitled to the following representation, based upon the reports for the quarter ending September 30.

	Representatives.	Alternates.
Jos. A. Mower, Post No. 1,	4	4
Harney, " 2,	1	1
T. O. Howe, " 3,	1	1
A. Lincoln, " 4,	1	1
Custer, " 5,	1	1
Jennings, " 6,	1	1
Vicksburg, " 7,	1	1
John A. Logan, " 8,	1	1

II. The following are also entitled to membership, Department Officers, Past Department Commanders when in good standing, Post Commanders, Past Post Commanders who may be members of them at the time of the Encampment, and members of the Council of Administration.

III. A written report must be made by each officer of the Department, showing the operations of his office during the past year.

IV. The Commander of Post No. 1 will detail from his Post, an Officer of the Day, an Officer of the Guard, and a sufficient number of Sentinels with proper reliefs for duty during the session of the Encampment. The Officer of the Day will report to the Assistant Adjutant General at Headquarters at 7 o'clock, P. M., of the 16th day of February for instructions.

By command of

GEO. T. HODGES,
Department Commander.

Official:

C. W. KEETING,
Ass't Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. }
New Orleans, La., February 13, 1891. }

GENERAL ORDERS. }
No. 14. }

The following resolutions adopted by the Council of Administration for this Department, are hereby published for the information of all concerned, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

NEW ORLEANS, LA., January 20, 1891.

At a meeting of the Council of Administration for the Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, held this day, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, The events of the past year prove conclusively, and to the satisfaction of the Council of Administration, that it is impossible that there can be any affiliation between the Posts or Comrades of this Department and the so-called Colored Posts organized by Past Commander Jacob Gray; and

Whereas, The organization of these Posts and the forcing of them on this Department, has greatly demoralized the Comrades of the old Posts and caused a loss of membership, therefore,

Be it Resolved, That all moneys received from said Colored Posts by the direction of Past Commander in-Chief Alger, be returned to them, less the per Capita tax forwarded to National Headquarters, and that this Council of Administration direct that the said Posts be notified to send their future returns to National Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic direct; and further, that this Council of Administration believing that the said Colored Posts were illegally organized, they will not be further recognized or considered in any way part of this Department;

Resolved, That the Department Encampment shall be called as per former resolution on the 16th day of February, 1891, and shall consist only of the elected delegates and the members of the Encampment from the Posts from No. 1 to No. 8 inclusive.

By command of

GEO. T. HODGES,
Department Commander.

Official:

C. W. KEETING,
Ass't Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. }
New Orleans, La., February 16, 1891. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 15. }

It is the painful duty of the Department Commander, in this, his last official order, to announce the death of our great and noble Commander and Comrade,

General William Tecumseh Sherman, U. S. Army,

who died at 1:50 P. M. February 14th, 1891, at his home in New York City.

Another of our distinguished comrades has answered the last roll call and taken his place with the rank and file of the Grand Army beyond the grave.

Any special allusion to his distinguished services in War, in Peace is unnecessary here, his life is a part of the history of his country and is deeply engraved upon the hearts of every member of the Grand Army of the Republic, every one of whom does therefore feel the greater grief at his death; farewell dear Comrade, your memory will be held in all of our hearts, until such time as we shall answer the last roll call of the Great Commander of all and serve once more together in the great army above.

As a mark of respect to his memory all Department and Post Officers when on duty, will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days, after the reading of this order, and Post Colors and Altars will be appropriately draped.

By Command of

GEO. T. HODGES,
Department Commander.

Official:

C. W. KEETING,
Ass't Adj't General.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. }
New Orleans, La., May 8, 1890. }

CIRCULAR }
No. 1. }

The Department Commander desires to announce that he will be at his office, 63 Carondelet street, every Tuesday evening, between the hours of 8 and 10 o'clock; and will be glad to see all Officers and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic for the purpose of consultation regarding such matters as tend to strengthen and build up our organization, or any other matter connected with the Order.

Department and Staff Officers are requested to call frequently.

Official: GEO. T. HODGES,
C. W. KEETING, Department Commander.
Ass't Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. }
New Orleans, La., January 22, 1890. }

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To Post Commanders, Department of La. and Miss.

The following Circular Letter from the Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic, is published for the information of the Posts in this Department.

To Department Commanders:

In view of the large and rapidly increasing number of appeals for assistance being made directly upon the Posts by individuals and societies from all parts of the country by means of circulars and otherwise, and in order that charitable contributions may be protected against imposition and be applied as assigned, the Commander-in-Chief suggests that in the future no written or printed appeals, request or solicitation for pecuniary aid, by the sale of tickets or otherwise, from individuals or Posts outside the Department limits of origin, be considered by Posts, unless sent them through the regular official channels with the favorable endorsement of the Post and Department Commander within whose jurisdiction the application originates and that of the Commander-in-Chief.

If the appeal is designed only for circulation within the Department in which it originates, it should have the endorsement of the Post of origin and of that Department Commander of that jurisdiction.

Posts should upon the receipt of any appeal, not endorsed as suggested, immediately forward the same to their respective Headquarters for such endorsement before taking any action thereon.

The Commander-in-Chief also suggests that all remittances made by Posts in response to such regular and authenticated appeals as meet their approval, be sent through their respective Department Headquarters, and never directly to the applicant.

These suggestions are not, of course, intended to apply to, nor debar any comrade from the full and free exercise of any charity he may be disposed to extend individually to any comrade or object he deems worthy, but only to action of Posts as such, relating to charities outside their own limits.

This matter was suggested to the Commander-in-Chief by the fact that some applications have been made which he had conclusive reason to believe unworthy.

Department Commanders will communicate these suggestions of the Commander-in-Chief immediately to the Posts in General Orders or Circular Letters, and that it may more distinctly come before the Comrades, the communication should be limited to this one subject.

Yours in F. C. & L.

J. H. GOULDING,
Adjutant General.

By command of

GEO. T. HODGES,
Department Commander.

Official:

C. W. KEETING,
Ass't Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. }
New Orleans, La., February 18, 1890. }

SPECIAL ORDERS }
No. 1. }

In accordance with Section 9, Article 2, Rules and Regulations, a dispensation is hereby granted Past Post Commander Geo. C. Miller to Muster in Comrade Brandt, Late Private Company 135, 2nd Battalion Veteran Reserve Corps. Said Brandt having been duly elected a member of A. Lincoln Post, No. 4, Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, Grand Army of the Republic, and being a resident of a distant Parish of the State, and unable to be present at the regular meeting of the Post.

By Command of

GEO. T. HODGES,
Department Commander.

Official:

C. W. KEETING,
Ass't Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. }
New Orleans, La., April 25, 1890. }

SPECIAL ORDERS }
No. 2. }

In accordance with Section 7, Article 2, Chapter 2, Rules and Regulations, a dispensation is hereby granted to Joseph A. Mower Post, No. 1, Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, Grand Army of the Republic, to Muster on April 25, 1890, James Barkley, Late a Private in Company "B," 12th Connecticut Veterans, he having been detained by sickness and not able to be present since the date of his election, more than three months ago.

By command of

GEO. T. HODGES,
Department Commander.

Official:

C. W. KEETING,
Ass't Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R., }
New Orleans, La., May 15, 1890. }

SPECIAL ORDERS }
No. 3. }

Past Inspector Henry Shorten, is hereby directed to inspect Harvey Post, No. 2 at Baton Rouge, La., on the first Sunday in June, 1890; transmitting his report at once to Inspector Frederick Speed at Vicksburg, Mississippi.

By command of

GEO. T. HODGES,
Department Commander.

Official:

C. W. KEETING,
Ass't Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. }
New Orleans, La., May 16, 1890. }

SPECIAL ORDERS }
No. 4. }

Colonel Frederick Speed, Inspector, Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. is hereby directed to make a thorough inspection of Vicksburg Post, No. 7, on Tuesday, the 20th instant.

By command of

GEO. T. HODGES,
Department Commander.

Official:

C. W. KEETING,
Ass't Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. }
New Orleans, La., May 22, 1890. }

SPECIAL ORDERS }
No. 5. }

Comrade D. E. Sweet is hereby appointed Assistant Inspector for the Department of Louisiana and Mississippi G. A. R. He will proceed at once to make a thorough inspection of Jennings Post, No. 6, transmitting his report to Department Inspector Frederick Speed, at Vicksburg Miss. on or before the 31st of May, 1890.

By command of

GEO. T. HODGES,
Department Commander.

Official:

C. W. KEETING,
Ass't Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. }
New Orleans, La., May 26, 1890. }

SPECIAL ORDERS }
No. 6. }

Comrade S. G. Reed, is hereby appointed Assistant Inspector for the Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. He will proceed to

make a thorough inspection of John A. Logan Post, No. 8, Hammond, Louisiana, on Monday the 2nd day of June, 1890, transmitting at once his report to Department Inspector Frederick Speed, at Vicksburg, Miss.

By command of

GEO. T. HODGES,

Department Commander.

Official:

C. W. KEETING,

Ass't Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. }
New Orleans, La., June 2, 1890. }

SPECIAL ORDERS. }

No. 7. }

Comrade Thomas Krementz is hereby appointed Assistant Inspector, Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. He will proceed to make a thorough inspection of Harney Post No. 2, on the 8th day of June, 1890; transmitting his report at once to Frederick Speed, Department Inspector at Vicksburg, Miss.

By command of

GEO. T. HODGES,

Department Commander.

Official:

C. W. KEETING,

Ass't Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. }
New Orleans, La., June 4, 1890. }

SPECIAL ORDERS }

No. 8. }

A thorough inspection of the Posts, Joseph A. Mower No. 1, T. O. Honer No. 3, A. Lincoln No. 4, and Custer No. 5 will be made by Department Inspector Frederick Speed, of Vicksburg, Mississippi.

By command of

GEO. T. HODGES,

Department Commander.

Official:

C. W. KEETING,

Ass't Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. }
New Orleans, La., June 18, 1890. }

SPECIAL ORDERS }

No. 9. }

In accordance with the requirements of Section 3, Article 5, Chapter 3 of the Rules and Regulation, the Council of Administration will meet at the rooms of Joseph A. Mower Post, No. 1, on Monday the 23d day of June, 1890 at 7:30 o'clock P. M. promptly, for the purpose of electing a Senior Vice Commander, for the Department of Louisiana and Missis-

siippi, G. A. R. Vice Henry Shorten, deceased, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.

By command of GEO. T. HODGES,

Official:

C. W. KEETING, Ass't Adjutant General.

Department Commander.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. }
New Orleans, La., June 24, 1890. }

SPECIAL ORDERS. }

No. 10. }

At a meeting of the Council of Administration of this Department held in New Orleans, La., June 23, 1890, Comrade Frederick Speed, of Vicksburg Post, No. 7, was unanimously elected Senior Vice Commander, Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. Vice Henry Shorten deceased. Colonel T. M. Godman of Post No. 7, Vicksburg, Miss., is hereby directed to attend to the installation of Comrade Frederick Speed immediately and forward certificate of same at once to the Headquarters.

By command of GEO. T. HODGES,

Official:

C. W. KEETING, Ass't Adjutant General.

Department Commander.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. }
New Orleans, La., July 2, 1890. }

GENERAL ORDERS }

No. 11. }

In accordance with the requirements of Section 3, Article 5, Chapter 3, of the Rules and Regulations, the Council of Administration will meet at the rooms of Joseph A. Mower Post, No. 1, on Wednesday the 20th day of July, 1890, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. promptly, for the purpose of the installation of Comrade Frederick Speed, of Vicksburg Post No. 7 as Senior Vice-Commander of the Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.

By command of GEO. T. HODGES,

Official:

C. W. KEETING, Ass't Adjutant General.

Department Commander.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. }
New Orleans, La., November 18, 1890. }

SPECIAL ORDERS. }

No. 12. }

In accordance with the requirements of Section 3, Article 5, Chapter 4 of the Rules and Regulation, the Committee of Administration will meet at the rooms of Joseph Mower Post, No. 1, on Thursday the 20th day of November, 1890, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. promptly, for the transaction of important business.

By command of

GEO. T. HODGES,

Official:

C. W. KEETING, Ass't Adjutant General.

Department Commander.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. }
 New Orleans, La., November 28, 1890. }

SPECIAL ORDERS, No. 13.

In accordance with Article 2, Section 7 of the Rules and Regulations, a dispensation is hereby granted Joseph Mower Post, No. 1, Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. to Muster S. D. Carpenter, Late Surgeon, United States Volunteer Army. He residing in a distant Parish and not having been able to attend a meeting of the Post since the date of his election, more than three months ago.

By command of GEO. T. HODGES,

Official: Department Commander,
 C. W. KEETING, Ass't Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. }
 New Orleans, La., January 1, 1891. }

SPECIAL ORDERS, No. 14.

In accordance with the Rules and Regulations, the Post Officers shall be installed in their respective offices at the first stated meeting in January.

The following comrades have been selected to perform that duty, viz:

Comrade A. S. Graham, will install the officers of Post No. 1.

" Thomas Krementz, will install the officers of Post No. 2.

" H. Heidenhain, will install the officers of Post No. 3.

" John Stewart, will install the officers of Post No. 4.

" Thos. Stone, will install the officers of Post No. 5.

" D. E. Sweet, will install the officers of Post No. 6.

" Frederick Speed, will install the officers of Post No. 7.

" L. C. Reed, will install the officers of Post No. 7.

By command of GEO. T. HODGES,

Official: C. W. KEETING, Ass't Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. }
 New Orleans, La., January 7, 1891. }

SPECIAL ORDERS, No. 15.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 3, Article 5, Chapter 3 of the Rules and Regulations, the Council of Administration will meet at the rooms of Joseph A. Mower Post, No. 1, on the 10th day of January, 1891, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. promptly, for the transaction of business of great importance to the Department.

By command of GEO. T. HODGES,

Official: Department Commander,
 C. W. KEETING, Ass't Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, G. A. R. }
 New Orleans, La., January 19, 1891. }

SPECIAL ORDERS, No. 16.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 3, Article 5, Chapter 3 of the Rules and Regulations, the Council of Administration will meet at the office of the Department Commander, No. 63 Carondelet street, on the 20th day of January, 1891, at 7:30 p. m. promptly for the transaction of important business.

By command of GEO. T. HODGES,

Official: Department Commander,
 C. W. KEETING, Ass't Adjutant General.